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AN IMPERTINENT FOREWORD

A man who reads my book and doesn't deny it is a social coward. The person who reads it, agrees with its theoretical principles, and fails to acknowledge it is a moral coward.

This book is my own life as it has been experienced. I am destitute of guidance. I want the truth! If my theory is the truth then mankind has been given the first happiness since the creation of the world. If I am wrong then some charitable man, with a master mind, owes it to me — his fellow man — to show me my error. My theory is touched daily, by public statements of newspapers, evangelists, theorists, loyalists, patriots, socialists, etc., etc.

I have the right — as a fellow man — to demand that every thinking mind read my book and then honor me with the resulting criticism.

CAPSHAW CARSON.



INTRODUCTORY

Never before in the history of the world has it become more necessary that humanity have some real guide to follow. There is an ever increasing volume of "new thought" and theories. The world is completely overwhelmed with this mass of material. In all this confusing sea we are completely at a loss as to what to believe and follow. It has brought us to the point where we are all sceptical and more or less uncertain as to what to do or think. This is the source of our turbulence. All of us are chasing some will-o'-the-wisp and are sure we are right.

We have arrived at the point where we all realize more or less our hopeless condition. We are all more or less fanatical and realize that all are more or less right, but still we all hope for some tangible proof that will give us balance and guidance that can be relied upon as secure and fixed. We are done forever with belief. From now on we must know. If we don't know, then we must know that we don't know. The Christians must produce a proof that they are right. They need to know above all others that they are only guessing. They must stop telling people they know when there is no evidence to uphold them. When they can prove their religion beyond the shadow of a doubt, then they will have a right to teach it as the truth, but not before.

This thing of jumping at conclusions has got to stop. We should make it plain to all men that there can be no faith placed in anything that will not stand the test of thorough investigation. It is my firm conviction that a positive proof is possible that will leave no room for doubt. Until the actual proof is produced, we must admit that no hope of harmony in the world is possible. If the proof is complete, then we must accept whatever that may prove regardless of our desires, emotions, hopes or interests. Nothing henceforward can interest us but actual positive proof. Until such a time comes we have no guide, and every man is at

liberty to do as he sees fit. At the present moment any man has just as much right to his opinion as any other man; and matters will continue to remain that way until we find the actual proof.

Once we get the proof all men will be compelled to acknowledge it. To deny a proved and demonstrated fact is to become ridiculous. Our only hope, then, lies in the proof. It is my hope that this effort will at least help us on the road to a complete proof. Should it prove that valuable, I shall be happy indeed.

THE AUTHOR

TO THE PROFESSORS OF OUR UNIVERSITIES

When I appeal to you, the Professors of our Universities, I know that I appeal to the highest type of manhood that the world has ever produced. I know that you represent the highest type of intelligence and moral courage in the world. I know that you will understand what I offer and I know you will understand the thought. It is only a question of whether I am right or wrong.

Of course, if I am wrong you will see the mistake and I hope someone of you will let me know, as I am under the impression that I have an important message to deliver to my fellowmen. It would save me a lot of worry and expense if I knew just whether I am right or wrong. In case I am right, I know that you will give the proper aid and attention. I can not believe that a man can make an appeal to you in this sad and serious hour of our evolution without claiming at least a fair and unbiased hearing. I cannot believe that any man can discover anything that you cannot at once understand and at once have the moral courage to face. If in this hour, when the human mind is laboring in the pains of the terrible ordeal of mental rebirth, you should desert us, our heart would break indeed. You are our pillar of strength and we need your guiding and gentle hand. Can this appeal come from out the heart of a world in anguish and suffering to you in vain? Give us help. We need you as we never needed you before. Let your strong mind lead us to a more terrible and a grander thought. Give us the balance that we all need. Your place is fixed in our minds and hearts as the great and good, the intellectual balance. Help us in this hour. We sorely need you. You are our doctor, and the world is calling for your help. If this be a real message I bring to you, help us straighten it out and let the world know what is the matter. It is not possible to appeal to you in vain. If we come in earnest we cannot come in vain, however trivial our questioning. Since the message I bring you is fraught with the vastest meaning to all mankind, I know you will lend your aid.

In my humble way of thinking, it seems to be truth, love, sense and facts; logic, reasoning and mercy; pity, charity and hope; faith, confidence and justice; strength, fairness and forgiveness; reform, progress and health; happiness, joy and wealth; industry, thrift, and peace; good-will, harmony, a reunited humanity on a firmer foundation. You know that I am convinced in my own mind beyond the shadow of a doubt that I have a real message to deliver, or I would not dare impose this upon you. You know, I consider it of the greatest importance, or I would not appeal to you. If I could pick the slightest flaw I would not consider it for one moment. The evidence is so overpowering I cannot cast it aside. Maybe you can pick the flaw,—I cannot. That explains why I appeal to you. If there ever was a problem that deserved your careful consideration, this one I offer you does. If the truth that is to guide the destinies of the human race does not deserve the careful consideration of the best and noblest minds, then I cannot conceive of anybody or anything that could possibly interest you.

When all the world is crying aloud for this guiding truth, you will not deny us your much needed aid. All the world is sore and bleeding, starving, suffering; destruction is staring us in the face. Humanity is weeping, moaning, wringing the hands in confused and troubled bewilderment. When we know not what to do or where to turn, you will not fail us. America is calling. Her sons go out to die for the right. They go that a bigger, better, brighter hope may be born into the lives of men. France is bleeding in anguish, calling for mercy and light. England is bravely fighting for a better day. Russia lies bleeding, prostrate in defeat and confusion, longing for the guiding light that she cannot find. Belgium is in the last gasp of death. Siberia has succumbed to the trial. Mexico is stirred to her depth struggling for the light. All the world cries aloud for the truth that will explain to them their plight and give them the hope and confidence to rebuild their homes on a firmer and happier foundation. Germany, the proud and merciless warrior, is fighting for her life. She is disgraced and ashamed. All the world has turned against her and she knows not why.

The Germans know they are lost and ruined. They have committed the unpardonable sin and stand aghast, trembling before

the terrible future they face — guilty and outcast, alone in the world among relentless enemies that know no defeat. Since they know not what they do, they deserve forgiveness, the same as the rest. Give the truth to the world and let us unite again in the dawn of a more perfect day. Let us all unite our banners in one big glorious cluster and establish forever in the world the right backed up by the might of men guided alike by one compelling truth.

I am just an average man. I don't know anything about philosophy, religion, science, war, law, learning. I know only that I happened to discover a very important truth and I am earnestly seeking a way to tell it to the world. If I appeal to you in vain, I will be at a loss that will be overpowering. I will probably have to go to the war, but I don't know yet. Don't let this child of truth be still-born. Get it right. Make it simple and plain. Don't hide anything. Tell the truth and nothing but the truth. The world is suffering as much now as it is possible to suffer. This truth will cause much pain, but it is necessary to suffer pain to produce a rebirth.

The young hearts will wander in the vale of sorrow for a few years seeking the love, the mate, they cannot find. It will be a sad world for some time, but when the necessary work and suffering has been done, our world will be a better, bigger, fuller world.

And we will all come to know that it was all for our good, and the best world in the universe will be ours. Our plain duty in this life is to improve this life just as much as possible while we are here. Live one life at a time. And it is plain that our only hope lies in the way of truth. I cannot see why any intelligent man could not make the same discovery I have made. I also cannot understand why any intelligent man cannot see the plain truth when he is shown and knows that it is the most important law so far discovered. The lives of all men and women are made or marred by the law. And all of us wish to experience the love affair. It is the one great event in all lives and its failure is very painful. You understand that the right must be established in the world, regardless of the cost in lives and money. But we cannot possibly establish the right unless we know what right is. That

is why this fact should be put out to the world as soon as possible, so that we can all know just what we are trying to establish. It is a fact that it is impossible to do something that you do not know how to do. If this truth is not given to the world as it should be, the war will have been fought in vain.

The eternal spirit is plainly trying to bring this truth to light and it must be realized by mankind before the right can be established in the world and war forever done away with. It is simple as can be when you know the truth.

The University Professor has always held the highest place in our hearts, and rightly so. We have always looked upon him as our safe and sane leader. We believe that you are sane and safe. We know you are truthful and honest, sincere and earnest. We have no reason to doubt you. Make your place safe in the eyes of all men by giving this truth to the world in a sensible and mature form. Coming from you, it will be accepted by all men as irrefutable truth. We can all know and go to work with conviction and confidence. The magnitude of the task does not bother us. We can do the thing when we have the guide and plan laid out for us.

The United States is preparing for a ten-year war. In my opinion it will last probably longer. The resources back of both sides are unlimited. The nature of the struggle is a death grapple. One side or the other must be defeated. No compromise is possible. The man power and financial resources of the world will be consumed. The human race is headed for the most appalling condition known in history. The civilization of the world is at stake. Unrest will appear all over the world and will manifest itself in all countries. The men in the world will go mad and will become a law unto themselves. All confidence in the present institutions will be lost.

The Christian religion is a failure and is helpless. The sciences and education of our schools are coming into ill repute.

“They cannot save; why bother with them?” is beginning to be heard on all sides. Science has only brought us destruction. Philosophy has only proved a fool’s business. Vast wealth has only made men more greedy. Fanatical talk is heard on all sides. Russia succumbed first. Each man became a law unto himself.

The whole world is going to do the same thing. America is still safe. If you will help get this message to men we can stem the tide and save our present civilization. If it is not done, the very walls of our cities will tumble down upon our heads. Our own men will destroy them. Let it cost what it may. The right must prevail, but if we can use our knowledge and still be right and more right, then we should make all haste to do so. If this is the lesson humanity must learn, then teach it to us and save.

This is really a very simple proposition reduced to its common-sense form. All there is to it is that all men and women must be responsible. Each one must do his or her duty and have an equal note. Everything will be just as it has been. The only difference is that we will know and not be guessing. The Germans want a democratic form of government the same as all the rest. It just means that all men and women will get a sensible view of life and the road will be open for co-operation among all men. The confusion of commercial interest will cease to clash, and industry will take on a new lease of life and fill the world with plenty. We will all work together under one common law and guide.

Everybody will be satisfied, and life will assume a new meaning and purpose. We will know that our interests are identical.

Our improvement will be permanent and a fixed quantity.

IS THERE A WAY TO TELL TRUTH FROM LIES?

How many lies can there be about a thing? Any number to infinity. If there is an infinity of lies there can be no truth. But there can be no lies if there is no truth. Then there must be an infinity of truth to be an infinity of lies. How is it possible to tell truth from lies? There can be but one way. Truth can be proved and demonstrated. Then there can be but one truth. Otherwise it would be possible to prove and demonstrate two or more truths and it would be impossible to tell truth from lies.

Therefore, there can be but one truth about a thing and that truth can be proved and demonstrated to be true.

From that consideration we see that our only hope is to find the truth *that can be shown to be true*. If there is no way to tell truth from lies, humanity is doomed to drift in a sea of confusion from now until the end of the world.

If there is a way to tell truth from lies, then humanity has before it the possibility of infinite growth. Then the future is full to overflowing of wonderful advancement and grandeur.

The world war is the one big thought in the minds of men today. Our first thought in America is to win the war. All sensible men know that right must prevail in the world for life to be valuable. There can be nothing of any value in a world governed by might. We are in this war as the champions of right. We are in it for the sake of humanity, for truth, for love, for virtue, for all that goes to make life worth the living. Our government has declared through our President that we seek no selfish ends and hope to gain only the freedom that all men are justly entitled to enjoy. Since it is we who have pledged ourselves to uphold the right, the duty of explaining what right is as distinguished from wrong falls to our lot. We find ourselves hard pressed to explain just what we are really striving to gain. As a matter of fact, no one seems to know just what we do mean; simply because no one as yet knows right from wrong. We believe we are right, but to say we know we are right is a far different thing. Since it is our

duty to explain what we mean by right, I have written a book—“A WITNESS TESTIFIES”—which attempts to explain right and wrong.

I firmly believe that I have made one of the most important discoveries ever made. The evidence is so convincing that I can find no escape from it. So much light is let in on the present world tragedy that I am compelled to try in many ways to get this thought before the world. I have decided to send out a thousand copies of this book to university professors. First, because they will understand the nature of the thought and will be sure to appreciate the effort. Of course you know that my first thought is to be of service to humanity; to help end the war right. If this war is settled right it should be the last. Why? Because since it is possible to tell right from wrong it will be impossible to get men to fight for a wrong cause. With the discovery of this law, war becomes impossible. Among other things this discovery shows us this law. Our advancement goes in this fashion — one for all and all for one. One man was able to start the war because all men allowed him to make the preparation. One man is able to furnish the necessary facts and truth to end the war right because all men have sought the truth and facts. Therefore it is my duty to tell this story to the world as soon as possible. One man could not destroy the world if other men refused to help him. Now, if the very best men in the world refuse to help, of course all the truth and facts in the world are without value. All I can do is to give the world the thought, and the others will have to help if any good comes from it.

I might be laboring under a hallucination, but if I am, the world is certainly way off the real path. I got hold of the leading thought in this work some ten years ago. My plans were to develop the thought as a life-time job. To investigate and to have it thoroughly completed before putting it before the world. But it seemed to have such a bearing on the war that I tried to produce it as quickly as possible with the result that I continually found myself getting into deeper water all the time. However, I think the thought is well enough developed so that others will experience no difficulty in grasping its meaning and relation to the war and to humanity. You know that new things come hard and are very

crude at first. The first automobile was a very crude affair and would hardly run. Other men paved the way for the inventor, and when he took all the necessary things invented by other men and arranged them in their proper order, he produced the automobile. Other men then got the idea and helped develop the useful automobile. Now we can all ride. All for one and one for all. Now, if other men will help, this thought can be developed so that our world can be a safe place for all men to live in. You are at liberty to use any thought expressed in this book. To use it in any way at all you may see fit. I don't want any money as a war proposition. I don't want any blood money. I want what honest, clean money I can make out of the book in peace times. So don't consider anything of that nature until the time comes.

You are at liberty to rewrite the book, to add to it, to take from it, to use it in any way at all. I give it to the world as a measure to help end the confusion and suffering in the world at the earliest possible moment with the understanding that right must prevail and that no cost or suffering shall turn us aside until we attain that end. When peace comes I expect to make what I can out of it, and I also expect to sell the book now.

The one key-thought in this work is this law: *Mates must love each other unselfishly*. That is the fundamental law of life. The whole book is produced on that fact. From that fact I found that there exists some kind of a universal intelligence. Some call it God, which is misleading and means different things to different minds. That there is an intelligent infinite law is perhaps a clearer way to put it. We know that the laws of the United States exist and are in force, but we do not feel their personal presence. Yet they are very real and alive. The intelligent law exists and we know it, but it is not personal. It shapes our being and all things. To me it is the intelligent nature of the universe. The law is alive, because if you break it you are aware that you are in pain. What is the source of the law I do not pretend to know. I just know that it exists and that we can not escape it.

The law that mates must love each other unselfishly is verified by all the works of nature and man. All the laws of the United States point to one condition: that a man and a woman shall love each other unselfishly. All the works of earnest men are to the

effect that the home-life shall be happy and virtuous. This law will be found to be the fundamental law of life. There is no escape from it and there is no way to disprove it. And it is easy to prove it exists. I have made no mistake in regard to the law. But my assumption that there are two Gods may be a mistake. As far as my work goes it does not matter, but it may make a big difference in solving the problems arising from this discovery. The assumption should be, I think, that there are four Gods: two, a male and female positive, and two, a male and female negative. Because when we begin to get into the subject deeper the assumption must be correct to start with, if the reasoning is to find the solution. That is a very important consideration and will be found to be absolutely necessary to get any accurate knowledge. I don't know that that is necessary, but it should be borne in mind constantly, because the world tragedy is the result of a wrong assumption.

If I am not mistaken the mathematics of today is based on a wrong assumption. It is constantly assumed that it is possible to bisect a thing. In the geometrical sense a line cannot be bisected, because the bisected line is measured in terms of the two sides of the right-angle triangle and it can be shown to be incommensurable. That is, it is the square-root of two. As a practical proposition it works out all right. But in solving the riddles of the laboratory it will be found necessary to get the mathematical assumption correct to commence with. That should make a vast difference in the conception of mathematics. Mathematics is capable of great deceptions, the same as all other branches of knowledge. Figures sometimes lie, however much our mathematicians have thought they lived in the only perfect world. It will be found that all problems in plane geometry relate back to the square and circle. No problem in plane geometry can be conceived that does not hold an attachment to "the square is equal to the circle." The correct assumption is to assume that a circle is equal to a square. It will be easy to deduce the fact that a bee carries fourth dimensional mathematics in his head. If the bee only carried plane geometry in his head he would be able only to fly on a varied line in a plane. Since he carries the all of mathematics, he is able to wander in fourth dimensional space. In

other words he can fly as he sees fit in his appointed element. All forms of higher life carry fourth dimensional mathematics in their brains. The brain uses the center of the earth as a pilot point. This problem is found in the trisecting of any angle. The fourth dimension is encountered and a variable point is found between the third and half. It is the link between solid and plane geometry. It measures all the inside of any cube and sphere. Therefore the bee can fly to any point. It is impossible to make any motion that does not have connection with this problem. The cube is equal to the sphere. Any random line is attached to it. It will also be noted that all things are attached to the whole. Nothing is detached. It is impossible to have a thought outside the universal mind. All thoughts are attached to the whole. It will be understood that everything in the finite world is incommensurable. Everything in the infinite world is commensurable. The cube is equal to the sphere is true only in the infinite world and is only approximately true in the finite. Given the proper assumptions in the infinite and the deductions that follow will all point to the fact that the infinite is one harmonious whole.

THE NEW OR REAL RELIGION

I offer for your consideration the real religion in my book "A WITNESS TESTIFIES." The real religion must necessarily rest on a foundation of truth and facts. It must be proved and demonstrated in such a way that its truth will be beyond questioning. It is plain to all that there can be but one truth. The real religion must stand the acid test from every source. It must stand it in the physical and mental world. It must stand the test in the laboratory, in chemistry, in physics, mathematics, in botany, in machinery, in astronomy, and in all the various branches of science whatsoever. It must prove itself true in philosophy, in psychology, and all related subjects. It must prove itself true from every imaginable source and must at the same time disapprove and show to be false all other religions and theories of life of whatever nature. It must also preserve all the truth contained in any of these and must show how they fit in with the real truth.

The real religion must satisfy the intellect with logic, reason, facts; it must satisfy the heart with hope, confidence, faith, charity, love, righteousness, pity, mercy, forgiveness. It must satisfy the conscience with justice, honor, uprightness, understanding. It must allow us to investigate all the works of creation with confidence, and faith, and love. It must allow us to think, to work, to listen, to learn with every assurance that we can find nothing but to our advantage and advancement. It must satisfy the mind that the soul is eternal and it is our right to investigate and find out what is the nature of our eternity. It must give to our lives a sensible purpose and explain what we are trying to bring about in this world to a reasonable degree. It must guide us to happiness, peace, love, usefulness, plenty, health, wealth. It must explain good and evil so that we can back up right with might. It must explain good and evil in such a way that we can know right from wrong, so that we can know when we are lying and when we are not.

The real religion must explain this war and all other wars, past, present, and future. It must give us the key to the present

tragedy so that we can settle it right and settle it so that all parties will be completely satisfied; it must explain to all just what is wrong and point out what caused the war. It must show us the cause and the result in plain clear terms, so that we can all understand. It must show us plainly that we know not what we do, so that everything can be forgiven and all humanity reunite with a clear clean slate. It must show us the mistakes so plainly that we can avoid them in the future—that we may avoid future wars. It must give all peoples in all the world a clean slate,—“though your sins have been as crimson they are whiter than the snow.” If a man does not know what he is doing he cannot be held accountable for his acts, can he? If the Bible can be proved to be untrue, then a preacher has been a liar all his life, hasn’t he? He has been honest, sincere, noble, true, but he has been a liar just the same, hasn’t he? Then he is innocent and without blame, although he has done his fellowmen great harm by teaching and preaching lies for the truth and thus misleading. If Jesus Christ is not the Saviour, then he is the Arch-Deceiver, isn’t he, although he is without blame inasmuch as he knew not what he did.

The birth of a new religion into the world is the most important event in the history of the world. We are so far advanced in our evolution that what is revealed now by the infinite mind to the finite mind must stand the acid test. We refuse to accept longer anything but what we can prove and demonstrate beyond a shadow of a doubt. We must know now; we refuse to believe. Here is the point I wish to make. I have undoubtedly made a most important discovery. I am just a private citizen of the United States of America. No one knows me, and I have no way to bring this thing to your attention, except by writing a book and offering it for sale. That is all I can do. Somebody buy a copy of this book and have it brought to the attention of any man you think ought to be able to add two and two together. I do not care who you get, any man or any set of men; it does not make any difference who they are. All men see the truth alike. Is there any doubt in your mind as to whether men fly or not? Is there any doubt in your mind as to whether the wireless sends messages or not? Don’t you know that men make new discoveries every day?

Don't you know that, if I have anything new, there are plenty of men who can understand what I have to offer? All I want is just a fair, square chance; and if I cannot make good then I am just one more crank.

Here is a point I wish to make. The war has assumed the nature of infinity. How long would it take Germany to come over here and whip us? Oh, about thirty years. Don't you know that we cannot cross the ocean and win a military decision under ten years at the least? I am telling you that I don't believe three-hundred million people can defeat one hundred and fifty million people. It takes the resources of the entire world and the world is infinity taken as a whole. Two infinite powers have met. The only possible end the war can have is a compromise on a just and righteous basis. When we all understand what is the matter the war will end automatically, and not before. We cannot get men and material enough together at one point to force a decision; it is impossible. The Germans cannot win and the Allies cannot win. The war will continue indefinitely. Now, here is the important part as far as the present is concerned. If we use this new thought or new discovery and end the war as it should be ended, and as it must be ended, then we should do so. Don't you know that we are in the war because we see that it is necessary and right? Don't you know that it is not a matter of the lives we give, or the money we give, but that we do it, because it is the only right way? Don't you know that we have no reason to be ashamed that we have sought for the just and righteous way? You know that we are going to continue to fight until the highest right prevails, if it takes every man and every dollar we possess. You don't know it, but the others are going to do exactly the same thing. You must know that the understanding of the men in the world is exhausted or they could avert this terrible tragedy. Ten years from now it will be too late to save our boys. Now is the accepted time. Our boys will be gone then. Don't you know that we should leave no stone unturned. Now is the time to face the truth and facts as we never faced them before. Now is the time to act. Don't you know that the man that first invented the automobile produced a very crude contraption? That it took the brains of other men to perfect it? You know that my work is crude and

simple, but you will see that it contains the necessary thought so that it can be developed into what it should be. I am sending you the S. O. S. call for our boys.

My discovery will in time be known to all men. Nothing can keep it from living. But we can use it now and save. Don't you know that I am forced by the present stage of our evolution to produce actual facts to get any attention? We refuse to be misled by lies any longer. If a man says he can make a better automobile than all now have, he must demonstrate that he can do so. Then we are forced to take notice. If I have a higher thought than is contained in the Christian religion, then I must prove it by producing the thought. I have the thought; I can prove it; I can demonstrate it. Didn't the automobile put the horse on the scrap pile? Didn't the electric light put the coal-oil lamp out of business? Why? Because they were better. This new thought will destroy the Christian religion, because it is better, bigger, fuller. There are contradictions and absurdities in the Christian faith. In the real religion all facts fit in and prove all other facts. There are no contradictions and absurdities. Take my work and tear it all to pieces and see if you can discover a loophole. If you can, then it is without value. Don't you know that the world is shrouded in profound mysteries? Do you know why all have a different face? Have you any reason to believe that I have not solved a profound mystery? You have not. You just don't believe that I can do it. Let me show you. I will solve just one mystery. That mystery is this — what is the real religion? You don't know; you just think you know; you cannot prove the Bible is true. I can prove it is not true by showing you what is true. Don't you know that you would be willing to face the truth if by doing so you could help the world of men and women to a better understanding, to peace, to love, to usefulness, to happiness, to a higher hope and a firmer faith, to vastly better things? It seems to me that I have said all that is necessary.

Ten years from now will be too late. Half of our boys will be gone from us. All of our money will be wasted. The prices of our daily needs will be so high that we will find it impossible to make both ends meet. Violence will break out in many places and for many reasons. Confusion and despair, hatred, sorrow, unhappy-

ness, insanity, and all related conditions, will fill our land. We face a condition, not a theory. The human race is headed for the most terrible condition that this world has ever known. Why not use a little every-day common sense and face the facts as they are. If we can use this new thought and avoid this terrible condition, then let us do it. In the name of humanity, the real living son and daughter of God, I ask you to investigate what I have to offer. Do it now. It is not a question of whether we are willing to pay this high price to be right. If it be right to pay it, then we must pay it. Let it cost what it may.

Since this new thought is in our hands, we must use it to still be right. We must be willing to let right lead where it will. Don't you see that this new thought puts a new view on the whole situation? If we don't use this new thought as we should, we betray our boys. What are we to do when they come home and find that we have been moral cowards? that we dared not face the truth? that we let them die when it was not necessary? This is a responsibility we dare not shirk.

This is the best news that has ever reached mankind. It is the sweetest story ever told. Truth is stranger than fiction.

Do you know that we are living in an age of progress and intelligence? We could wireless this message to all the world, and the war would automatically stop in thirty days. Just whenever you wake up to the fact that something important has happened, then we will be ready for peace and good-will once more and not before. Since you cannot lead, why refuse to be led? I cannot lead you, but I can show you how the real truth can lead you.

A PLAN

Since the United States is in the war to establish freedom in the world, and since it is our duty to show the world just how freedom can be established, it is necessary to explain the plan or idea by which we intend to accomplish this thing. Granting that there is no satisfactory theory or hypothesis before the world at the present time which carries sufficient proof of its truth or practical application to convince a large part of humanity of its value; granting also that there is possible a plan that will convince the minds of all thinking men of its truth and practical value; assuming then that this plan is capable of being proved and demonstrated by citing facts which are plainly perceived and understood and felt by all alike; that this plan is acceptable to all right thinking and desired by all normal human beings; that this plan assures justice and freedom to all men alike; that all peoples will have fair and equal opportunity to develop and grow, to live and to learn, to love and to think; that it is capable of being shown that it is in compliance with the wishes of the heart, the soul, the mind and that it assures us protection and safety; that it is capable of being shown that it is in compliance with the divine will or God's will or that it manifests itself as true from a higher source or that it is the intelligent eternal spirit struggling in the scheme of things that forces us to adopt this plan.

In plain words, we are forced to adopt this plan to avoid utter destruction in the end. The nations of the world will utterly shatter one another unless this plan is recognized and put in practice. Call it what you will. This thing must be done. There is no escape from it. All men in the world want to do it. God wills that it shall be done. It is the only sensible thing to do. Rebellion is insanity. Force is the only recourse now by which we can adjust our differences. Men have always resorted to force and will continue to resort to force. Yet this force can be so organized that it will be intelligently applied. Right must be established in the world by an intelligent application of might. We must so arrange this force that all men will know that it means utter ruin

to rebel against it. Also not one single human being in the world must suffer injustice. If it is not the same for all then it will not stand and can not stand.

Admitting that this is new to all men, and that all of us are more or less groping in the dark, our attitude must be that we have all been more or less laboring under a deception as to what our true interests are and the relation we bear to one another. It is plain then that all men can be re-united under a new thought. By looking the facts in the face as they are and by acknowledging that all of us are imperfect, we can forgive as we hope to be forgiven. As we must all know that we are imperfect and prone to do things that are wicked and wrong, it is plain that we need one another's help and comfort. We all need mercy, love, pity, friendship, charity. This plan must afford the necessary balancing force to keep us all mentally balanced. It must give each and all a fair, square chance to develop all the attributes of the mind and body. All the normal desires must be satisfied and all the talents must have a free field to develop naturally. It must be capable of infinite growth and expansion. It must be founded on hard cold facts so that the mind and body will be put to a constant strenuous effort to keep all busy and healthy. It must eliminate the wastes to a practical point so that the production will be sufficient to afford plenty to all. It must place the responsibility on each one. And the collective whole must be responsible to the individual. We are responsible collectively and individually.

The idle and loafers must be eliminated. No one can be happy unless he or she has duties to perform. Every boy and girl must be trained to be a producer. They must be fully developed both in body and mind. They must be impressed with the obligation they owe to humanity, to themselves, and to their family.

Now how will this plan help us? The United States has already pledged itself to uphold the right. We, as a people are willing to fight for the highest good and to work for the advancement of humanity. By putting this idea into logical shape and form, we can distribute it to all the world. All men will see the truth of it and its adoption will be welcomed by all men. We can draw to our side of the fight all the hordes of humanity and it will instill a firm will in all to bring about its accomplishment. We

can send this message to all the brightest minds in the enemy country, and they will see the sense and truth of it and will understand that they are 'n the wrong and that they are fighting for a hopeless and lost cause. They will be glad to join the rest of humanity on an equal footing and will be sorry for their mistake and will seek forgiveness with a changed view and a change of heart. They will be just as much help to the world as they have been trouble. We can forgive them, and with truth, on the grounds that they were laboring under a deception. Also a broad and comprehensive campaign of distribution of the literature among all classes of the enemy people will have a psychological effect in our favor. Convince a man that he is wrong and half the fighting force in him is destroyed. It would break down the morale of the troops in many ways and would cause great numbers of them to desert to our side. It would inspire a new hope in the enemy heart that they are not so bad after all and that they can still atone for their sins and win back their place in our hearts if they will only be men and look the facts and truth in the face. It will also relieve them of the fear of total destruction and inspire in them a desire to be respectful and be worthy of the admiration of all men. They will see the utter folly of trying to establish might in this world as a guide to follow and live by. They are human, the same as you and I, and they have buried their hearts because they have thought it necessary and right that they should. They have been led to believe that their prestige and safety demanded this of them. They have fought bravely and without flinching and have proven to the world for all time that they can die if necessary; that they can give their all and willingly if it be right. It only remains for them to come to their proper senses, and then the world will have in the German people one of its best assets for the uplift and progress and protection of humanity. They desire our approval and praise the same as all of us desire it. They deserve it on the grounds that they are willing to sacrifice and die that others may live in safety and have their place in the world.

Our president has said that we do not desire to enslave or to impose our will on the German people. He has plainly stated over and over again that we would be only too glad to have them take their rightful place in the industrial and economical life of the

world. We want them to have the same rights and hopes that we demand for ourselves. It is not our desire or wish to destroy them. They seek the freedom that all men desire and strive for. They want the democratic form of government, the same as all men. They are afraid that they will be destroyed and ruined. They are giving their lives and wealth, because they think the rest of the world wishes to deny them a right to live and love. When they see the light of a better, bigger, fuller life for them they will be only too glad to accept it. They are sensible and, of course, they must know that their safety and place in the world is secure and fixed, the same as the rest. We can not reasonably blame them for this point of view. If the United States would agree to give them its aid, in case they were right, they would accept it as a pledge of honor which we would fulfill. The weight of the United States can turn the scale in any world war from now on because we have the confidence and love and friendship of a great majority of the people of the world. Enough people would rally to our side to assure victory to us, in case we always championed the right. Our word in the world is taken in good faith and relied upon. We deserve it and we can hold it. Then, if the Germans have our word, given in good faith, that we will protect them, they will accept it.

If all the nations in the world take the pledge to uphold the highest right and train all their men up to that precept the safety of the world will be fixed and freedom established once and for all time. Of course that is based on the assumption that we now have a real plausible way to tell right from wrong. I think the proof is irrefutable, but it may not be. In case it is still found to be uncertain as to what is right or wrong, then we are just exactly in the same condition we have always been, and it is still necessary to find the proof. We cannot advance one iota from the point from which we now stand until we have some way to tell right from wrong. That explains our plight at the present and will explain it in the future. There is not any doubt in my mind but that I have found the necessary facts to tell right from wrong. But it may not be so convincing to others.

We are in a sea of confusion and no sensible thinking man can refute it. Humanity has been in this sea of confusion for many

ages and will continue to stay in it until the proof is found to tell right from wrong. It will be readily understood that a preacher thinks he is honest. And he is, but he is a liar and does not know it. The only way we can know, whether we are lying or not, is to be found in the fact that we can prove and demonstrate the truth, and a lie cannot be shown to be true. All the confusion in the world arises from the fact that we have not as yet found a way to tell lies from truth. No man knows, whether he is lying or not, unless he can prove and demonstrate his philosophy. This plan, as a simple conception, is that all the world shall be under one government by the consent of the governed. All men and all women shall have a fair and just vote. Now we can not jump to that point in one full jump. It is necessary that all men be considerate, and fair, and willing to endure a great amount of injustice for some time to come. But we can form a league of nations, and each nation pledge itself to uphold the highest right. That is: We accept humanity as our Christ and the truth as our guide and all make a manly effort to live up to it. The world will not become perfect in one day, and it is not necessary or desirable that it should. We are all imperfect, and the struggle for existence will continue the same as ever. Men will sin just as they have, and injustice will continue, but we can make the world a safe place to live in, in a practical and business sense.

Our condition will improve gradually and be permanent. In the meantime we must be pounding the Hun line with all our might. We must show them plainly that we can defeat them, that we are going to do it, that their downfall is fixed and certain. That they cannot escape and that they must pay the price of the outlaw. We want to make it plain that we mean to pound down the gates of Berlin and that their only escape is by a change of heart and a willingness on their part to accept the world as it is. That we do not have any respect for their "chosen people" theory, or their divine ruler conception, or the survival of the fittest fallacy. While the cannon pounds down the gates of Berlin, we can bring them a message they will be glad to listen to. Let them learn once and for all time that might is worthless, unless backed up by right; that there is no hope for any of us in anything but truth; that frightfulness only returns upon the head of the ones who use it;

that their philosophy and science are of no value as a measure to establish their place in the world by might; that their subtle psychological propaganda based on falsehood does not fool anybody but them; that they have made themselves ridiculous in the eyes of all men; that their moral standing in the world is bankrupt; that we can fight them for the next hundred years and prevent them from entering the markets of the world; that we can ruin them financially and mean to do it (we must make them understand that they cannot live unless they change their heart and accept the common-sense view of life); that their only hope lies in trying to do right; that when we make peace with them we expect them to do all in their power to return what they have stolen; that they must repair the damage done as much as possible and that from now on we expect them to act the gentleman.

If we will do these things we can stop the war in a year or so and save America's strength to help rebuild the world.

THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

The Christian stands transfixed before the appalling tragedy of the world holocaust. He is unable to explain or to stem the tide of destruction. He is hopelessly confused and helpless. The Christian religion is the most colossal failure ever witnessed in the world. It has retarded the growth and development of the mind and body of the human race for more than two thousand years. Nothing of any importance has been discovered in any line of human achievement that the Christians have not fought and retarded with all their might.

The history of the Christian religion is the most shameful chapter in the annals of human progress. There never has been any excuse for a healthy mind being deceived by such folly. Is it still going to be a stumbling block and will it let this war continue for the simple reason that it can not give up its soul lust and accept the inevitable? Since Christians have unconsciously clouded the minds of men and brought on this terrible destruction, are they going to still cling to their lust and let the world of humans sink down to the very pit of hell and pour out the last drop of heart-blood, before they can face the facts as they are and the conditions as they exist? No one blames the Christians for their terrible blunder and worse than folly. They are innocent. We must admire their courage and devotion and unswerving endeavor. They stand out clearly as the most obstinate and stubborn class of fanatics the world has ever seen. Their devotion to a cause that has always been discouraging and even ridiculous is most amazing. They never cease their efforts and they never think. How they can be continually deceived by such silly rot is beyond belief?

I have not the slightest doubt that they will block every effort I make and will cling to their insane religion for centuries to come. But the world of humans will suffer many more hells of wars because of them. They deserve the pity and mercy of every right thinking human being.

What is the fundamental error in the Christian Religion? It is the assumption that the human mind can converse on equal

footing with the eternal mind. It is impossible for the human mind to converse on equal terms with the infinite mind. Christ was the purest-minded man that has ever lived and he was under the hallucination that he was directed by the Divine Mind. He thought God sent him to save the world and he thought that God directed him at all times. He never stopped to think. He could not conceive how he could be misguided because God told him everything he did and was to do and he carried it out to the exact letter. He never dreamed of questioning the Word of God. All through the Bible you find that humans have been conversing on equal terms with God. They were what we call today spiritual mediums, the same thing, only in a different degree. Most mediums become insane if they keep it up long enough.

Christ was so pure that what the Spirit told him must have been very pure and clever. He could not take any message from the Eternal Spirit but the purest love. Now, why was what he received false? Because he only got a part; a part of the truth, and, of course, those that heard him knew that what he said was the truth so far as it went. That is why the falseness of the Bible has been so hard for the unwary and pure at heart to fathom. They can not understand why so much love and goodness can be anything but truth. It is truth detached from the whole. I went through the same experience that Christ did. I knew that an infinite seductive power of hate existed and, of course, detected the lie. Just as soon as God told me something I could not prove, I became aware that I was being deceived. I was confronted with this perplexing problem. I knew that God could talk directly to the human mind, but I did not know how to tell truth from lies. Terrible as that problem seems, it is really very simple when you know the answer.

The Eternal Mind can talk with the finite mind of man as a personal individual. But it is always the Devil. That is, you always get a lie or, at least, it is impossible to tell whether it is a lie or not, which amounts to the same thing. Now, it may seem a daring thing to do to doubt God's Word, but you understand I had resolved to be guided by the truth, God or no God, hell or no hell. If God could talk to me, why didn't he say like a sensible being just what I must do? Christ took God at his word and did

as he was told to do. It is impossible to trick God out of any knowledge. Christ unconsciously was acting a crook. Ignorance is no excuse to the divine law; it gives no quarter and asks none. Christ was willing to accept the responsibility without being worthy of it, always unconsciously, of course. In other words, he tried to get something for nothing and, as a consequence, he has been the greatest misleader of men the human race has ever known. Anybody could detect the lie in him, if he would think. If he could make the blind see and the sick well and did not disclose the knowledge, at the earliest possible moment, to the human race, he was on the face of the act the most brutal man that has ever existed.

Now, if God could talk on equal terms with the human mind, all of our troubles would be over in a jiffy. He could tell everybody everything, and the world would be over as far as we are concerned. Life would lose all value. Then, the only way the mind can talk with the intelligent system of infinite laws is through all the attributes. In other words, we must think, and work, and do it honestly and bravely and daringly, to get any knowledge, and it comes very hard that way. Salvation, instead of being free, is the highest priced thing in this life. If the human race ever reaches a stage of development that is worth the living, they will acquire it by hard thinking and hard work. No man yet has ever accomplished anything worth while on which he did not expend a vast amount of time and labor, and, above all, hard honest thinking; thinking without selfishness, with the will to face the truth if it should prove him a liar and a murderer and a bastard born in adultery.

If the human race still have too much false pride to face the truth as it actually is they will just have to stay in the anguish of hell until such a time that they can muster up the courage to face the truth and come out of the condition. It is an easy matter to come out of it. We just make it hard by not using a little every-day common-sense.

I saw on the street today a Catholic nun. In her face was written the devotion and faith it takes to move mountains. There was simply nothing that she would not give or endure to serve Christ and humanity. Her kind would make the world a perfect heaven in a few short years, if only she could see the true light.

She would willingly give her life up to an unselfish cancerous death, if she thought she could add one mite to the progress of the human race and to the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth. I am laboring under no such deception. I know the hard facts and naked truth and what the human race is face to face with. It only proves how terribly great the Christian is and what a wonderful blessing he will be to the world when he comes to know the real facts and understands the relation we bear to the Eternal Spirit. It is at once our greatest hope and our greatest enemy. If once we can get the Christian mind to understand, the rest will be easy sailing. The rest of us can rest in peace and let the Christian do the hard work. It is a very simple matter.

The United States has already unconsciously accepted truth as its guide and humanity as its Christ. Every issue in my book has already been endorsed by the United States and, of course, that means by the people. It only remains to explain the true situation and it will be clear as day to everybody.

Now, suppose we are all living in adultery. It is a condition we have to pass through in our evolution and is in no sense to be confused with the accepted sense of adultery. It is a respected condition and could not be avoided. It will make no change whatever in our relation to each other, in no sense to be considered as unnatural and unworthy.

The only difference it will make will be to the future generations. When we solve the problem of how to get mates together as they should be, we will just simply register each child as it is born, and then, in time, the whole world will be registered, and each child will receive the proper training and development both of body and mind. You can readily see how this will automatically cause every man and woman to take an active and serious interest in the whole race, as mates will be born in different parts of the world. Your mate may be any one of the number. It throws an entirely new view on the human race, and we will be compelled to see to it that all marriages are in compliance with the demands of health and common-sense. The benefit to the human race will be incalculable.

The Christian Religion deceives the mind from the real facts of life and stops our proper growth. The German Kaiser is under

the hypnotic influence of God (the devil). He thinks he is the special agent of God, and he thinks he is divinely directed at all times. He converses all the time with God, that is, he is a spiritual medium. He thinks God personally directs him, and he talks with God on equal footing. That explains why he is able to destroy with such a ruthless hand. He thinks God is telling him to do it. He is not nearly so much to blame as is supposed. Greater minds than his have been deceived in the same manner. The whole German race is under the same deception. When they come to their normal senses they will be overcome with sorrow. They could never be received on equal terms with the rest of the human race if it were not for the fact that they are terribly deceived and know not what they do.

The Christian has been praying to God and talking to God on equal terms for centuries, and never yet has a single prayer been answered. It looks as if anybody but a hopeless idiot would realize after a while that God can not answer any prayer but the prayer of hard thinking and honest effort. If the Christians want to help humanity and please God, they can very easily do so. Help spread this truth of hard facts and real state of affairs among men! If they will do a one-hundredth part to really help the world of what they now do to harm it, the world war will be over in short order.

If the minds of men had taken to the Greek Philosophy instead of the Christian Faith the world would undoubtedly be fifteen hundred years in advance of what it now is. But the promise of eternal life was so alluring and salvation-free, that the human weakness fell for the promise of something for nothing instead of staying by the hard and sure road of digging out salvation by the only sure and sane method. We find ourselves in a rather ridiculous position. What the human race should have done when they were children we still have to do as men with perhaps twice the effort and ten times as painful. Our thoughts are all fixed by the mould of time, and our awakening will be slow and painful. It is remarkable that any human mind could see a bird fly and not know that an intelligent force was back of it. Clearly the bird could not be produced by any accident.

THE QUESTION OF FINDING OUR REAL MATE

This is the most important, unsolved riddle that the human race faces. There can never again be any satisfaction in life until this question has been answered satisfactorily. Our whole fabric of civilization has been built upon the wrong assumption that it is possible to find our mate without the guiding knowledge. All mistakes in our life relate to, and have a direct connection with, this problem. All our progress and enlightenment point to the fact that mates must be true to each other in all things. There is nothing in life that can be done or thought of that does not point to this one fact. All we are, all we can ever hope to be, have to do and depend on this question. The human race is unconsciously groping its way to this one solution. Never again can lovers embrace on this earth and whisper warm, hot words of love and comfort to each other until we solve this problem. It is the one great event in all lives that we desire above all things to be sincere and honest about. The love affair demands that we be honest above all other considerations.

When we come to know that the condition is in the heart, and the lie on the lips, the affair loses all of its importance and becomes an affair of sorrow and pity. When we know that we are lying and committing a crime that is unpardonable we are overwhelmed and transfixed. The very thing that we are all fighting so seriously and terribly to defend and to promote is the very thing that we cannot have or gain by fighting. The winning of the war will not bring us any relief or comfort in this matter. We must win the war for one reason — and for one reason only. It will give us freedom to attack this problem without being hampered by other considerations. The real battle that all men and women must win (and no freedom in this life can be gained until it is won) is the battle of mastery over themselves. Until every man and woman has done this thing, freedom is impossible. How can a man and woman be happy and free when both of them know that they are living in adultery and that both

are untrue? The very thing that neither one would be guilty of for the price of a kingdom is the very thing that both are guilty of. The hard part of it is that it can not be avoided. But the punishment is just the same, the law gives no quarter and asks none. The suffering will be severe and will become more acute as we become more virtuous. The better we are the worse we are. Why is that true? Because the question must be solved, and no comfort or peace can come to us until we solve it. The law "One for all and all for one" manifests itself here.

When one couple finds the way to get together properly, then the way is open for all couples to find the way. What one man can have all men can have. The responsibility of life will manifest itself here. Those that master themselves and live up to the demands of the law will have the right to experience the romance of the love affair. Those that break the law and succumb to temptation will miss it. All, at last, must do the thing alone and be worthy. But we can help each other in many ways, and but few will succumb. When we arrive at this point we will find that to be unworthy means the death penalty. Why? Because if a man should look up his mate and find that she had been mistreated and allowed to grow up in ignorance, to become worthy, he would demand that those guilty pay the price with their lives. You can very readily see how the Infinite Intelligent Law will automatically force all to comply with its demands. In other words, if one wishes to put it in these terms, God is smart enough to compel us to obey the law or cause us to die for not doing so. Then it must be our first thought to solve this riddle. Just as soon as we can get the war properly settled we should request the services of all the brightest minds in the world and give them all the money they need and make everything as easy as possible for them.

We know what we are looking for and we know that it is a problem that can be solved, because the solving of the first step has been made, and it indicates clearly that the other answers will follow soon. The world would be in sad plight if this riddle should remain unsolved for a century or so; the strain on our minds and nervous systems would become unbearable. The way to solve this problem is to set down facts as they are found and, in time, some one will arrange them in order and the thing will be

done. We know now that everything is attached to the whole and that nothing is detached. The German mind has an unlimited capacity for prodigious detail investigation. There seems to be no limit to their untiring energy and power to perfect a thing once they get the underlying idea. I have no doubt that they will fully grasp this idea and work it out to an amazing perfection in a short time. The German mind does not discover new principles very readily. The American mind is very much more alert to discover new things. We don't like enormous detail and thorough, sure plodding to get the results that are worth while and lasting. We want to be out on the mountain tops heralding back to the world the news of something new and full of promise. It takes all kinds to make a world. This world is full to the overflowing with people that are unhappy and dissatisfied. Discontent manifests itself in all walks of life. The rich as well as the poor, and the middle classes, are all trying to conceal a ghost in the closet. Discontent is in all of us, and will remain in all of us, until we solve this problem. Riches can not buy the things all people want. Nothing can bring any of us peace and happiness but the fulfilment of the Law.

The world is full of people that put up a front and struggle bravely on, because there is nothing else to do. If we are to cure this distemper we must face the facts and conditions as they are. To find out what is the source of this unrest is half the problem. When we know the fundamental cause the way is open for the cure. I see girls every day that feel the disgrace of the present hour. They express and feel that they deserve a better fate and they rebel at the condition and blame the world for disrespect to them. We blame one another all the time for things that we are not to be blamed for. The women blame the saloon for the trouble it brings them. They know that enough money is wasted every day in them to give them all they need. The solution of this problem will clear up all these things and place woman where she rightfully belongs as the crowning master creation of the world. What are we to do in the meantime? Do just as we have been doing! We all must marry just the same as we always have. It will be a step we must take. We must stoop to conquer. It will be the most trying epoch in the history of the world. When a man

realizes that another man is living with his mate he will rebel at the thought, but his rebellion will bring him no relief. The way is not open yet to find her. We have not yet paid the price. We are still unworthy of her. When we find ourselves in the middle of a bad fix the way of wisdom is to saw wood and say nothing until we come out of it. If we will all get down to hard work and keep it up we will soon come out of it.

Any man that deceives himself that he has found his real mate and laughs at the world in distress is fooling no one but himself, and he will find that he is the worst lobster of the bunch. Any man that is so ready to steal the virtue of any woman can have the satisfaction of knowing that he is seducing his own sister and is harming his own mate as well. It isn't so funny when the real facts are known. The devil is a real devil and he is just as vile as you can say he is, and more. It is impossible to harm any one without the curse rebounding on your own head. The Germans gave to the world the curse of might. They will have might hurled back upon them. After this war is over you will never hear another German advocate might as a way to settle anything. When the Christians wake up they will never again advocate the fear of hell to keep men virtuous. Fear will never make the world better. To fear God is to invite the devil in and to stop thinking. When a man has no fear he is free to think. No man can think that entertains fear of any description. No fear of death, or of hell, or of anything on this earth or to come after this life, will cause men to do right.

Love alone will at last conquer the world and bring us happiness and peace. Love that is willing to face all things will conquer; love that is willing to face the hard facts of life and sacrifice all things to make the world a safe and sane place for lovers to live in; love that is willing to die that others may live; love that is willing to live that others may live; love that is willing to live a clean life that others may live; love that is willing to live a diseased life that others may live; love that is willing to give up the hope of eternity that others may live; love that is willing to say "I am wrong" to advance the world; love that is willing to take an oath and live up to it; love that is willing to think, to listen, to learn, to know; love that is willing to be honest, virtuous, just, forgiving,

patient, long-suffering, to advance the world; love that is willing to back up right with might; love that is willing to laugh and sing; love that is happy with a chance to do a little; love that is willing to say "They shall not pass;" love that is willing to stay when the odds are a million to one; love that is willing to live when there is no hope; love that is willing to die when there is no hope; love that is willing to die when everything is brightest.

If a man should see a child fall in the water and refuse to give aid in fear of his own life he would lose place among men. The other day I saw a dog that had seen better days running and barking ahead of a wagon. That dog seemed to say to the occupants, "Don't give up. We can win." If men had the courage and conviction of that simple dog the world would be a safe and sane place to live in. That dog didn't mind the dirt and misery and privation. He was happy just to try; he knew victory was sure to come if they would not be downcast. So it is with us; if we will be lighthearted and keep our heads up we can surely win, though the battle ahead is a hard one. We can go ahead and make the home life happy, and lovers can love each other the more, because they will know they are strangers, and for that very reason they should be so much more tender-hearted and thoughtful. It is not such a terrible thing after all. We will not be so exacting and demand so much perfection in each other. We will know that we are still imperfect, and our love will be that much stronger and firmer, because we will realize that now, more than ever, we need love and mercy.

We are in distress; that is the very time we need love. Every girl will want to pick out her boy not so much because he is a perfect man, but because her love for him can help him and encourage him to do right. Every boy will want to choose some girl, not because she is the most beautiful girl in the world, but because she needs his love and protection. It will not be so bad. Now, that we need each other's help more perhaps than we will ever need it again, we should give it more unselfishly. Love demands that we be led by truth. Truth alone points the way. Love gives us the courage to follow. Reason, logic, facts, are the markers on the road of truth. Love demands that we use them for her sake. Love demands we master love, for love alone is blind. We must control

our love with a firm hand, otherwise love will become ridiculous. Love demands that we use all of our attributes to find her. Love is our greatest asset and our greatest enemy. We are either made or marred by love alone. All we seem to do is to love. Watch the men smoke, smoke, drink, drink, all a form of love wrongly used. The same love controlled would remake the world. All day long it is some form of blind love controlling us when we should be controlling love.

Once we learn how to intelligently control this wonderful force, life will be wonderful. The overplus of love is tremendous. Love is the all in all. It drives men crazy. It makes them princes. It makes them dunces. It makes them geniuses. It inspires all men with an exaggeration of their worth. It caused Christ to be the most conceited dunce the world has ever produced. It makes us laugh and cry. It makes us drunk and idiotic. It makes us sensible and sane. It makes us tell lies and swear by them. It makes us die for a cause. It makes us afraid and brave. There is no sense to it, and it is the only sensible thing. Love never gives up. It makes us hope in the hour of deepest despair. It brings hope into the breast of the lowest criminal and tries to bring him to atonement. Love never gives up and never dies. It says "Try, try again." It never deserts us and never leaves us without hope. It is the one force in this wonderful and mysterious world that must be controlled above all else. Love, uncontrolled, will make the best of us criminals. Love, controlled, will make the worst of us princes. Love, uncontrolled, makes us afraid and ashamed. Love, controlled, makes us brave and true. Love is the all of life. It is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. Love, uncontrolled, will destroy the world. Witness the war, the embrace of negative love, hate. Love, controlled, will rebuild the world on a firmer foundation.

The German Kaiser is acting the perfect ass, because love is controlling him, and he is not controlling love. If he were the master of love he would be a man among men. This powerful force has seduced him. He is what is termed an intelligent insane person. He is the most conceited ass in the world, because he has let love master him. His rightful place is hardly above the average man. In a community of sensible people he would probably be

able to make an honest living, if he tried hard. Love caused Christ to proclaim himself the Saviour of the World without the least evidence to think so or to believe it. It has caused people to follow and worship him for two thousand years without any plausible reason whatsoever, just simply because He propounded love, and love alone, as the only way out. Can you imagine anything more conceited or insane than a man proclaiming himself the Saviour of the World? Christ surely did not stop to consider the immense size of the job. We will be accomplishing wonders if all of us taken together can save the world from disgrace and ruin; much less the efforts of one puny dunce. That is what love, uncontrolled, will inspire a man to do. It only shows how great a force love is and how really wonderful and great is the life in store for those who come to this world when men learn how to control this force. Love alone is nothing within itself, it must be held in its place by the other attributes, by the intellect, by the will-power, by the reason.

A man inspired with great love, uncontrolled, is the most dangerous man that comes to our planet. A few more men like Jesus Christ and the German Kaiser, and the world will be a complete failure. It will pay us big to keep a sharp lookout for men that claim they are sent by the Divine Creator. We must carefully examine their credentials, and if they are not passable by the sense and facts in the case, it were better we guard them carefully until such a time that they can show good and sufficient proof of their divine origin. A man that does not invite close investigation must be regarded with a conservative amount of prudence. Make a man prove and demonstrate beyond the shadow of a doubt that which he claims. If Christ and Wilhelm had been put to this rigid test the world would not now be in anguish. How any nation of sensible people could let a man rule them that claimed to be divinely appointed without at least some plausible proof is beyond belief and could not be believed except it has actually happened. How any sensible man could think or believe one man could save the world is also staggering to believe except the fact that men have and do still believe, and without any evidence that would convince any ordinary sensible man. Such is the power of this wonderful force of love.

WHAT IS LIFE?

Life is a mystery which no one so far has been able to solve. But we must have some way to make a beginning to advance at all. We come here for a short stay and then pass into the silence that so far has no solution. Where we came from and where we go is still shrouded in complete mystery. Life at its best can only be a short awakening to the wonders that encompass us. There is no hope that we can ever know all things. There is no limit to our advancement. As an individual we are as unstable and as uncertain of what we are doing and what we should do as it could possibly be. The race is stable enough, because the world would have to pass away for the race to perish now. But as an individual we have no assurance that we will not pass at any hour.

There is nothing more uncertain than the life of an individual; and there is no assurance that can be offered that will stand the test of close scrutiny. All we can say is that we do not know. Belief is as worthless as it is confusing. If belief were out of our minds, we would be much better off. It only lulls us to a sense of security when we are not secure. If belief were out of the way the road would be open for a careful search for proof. It is one of the very hardest things in life to do. Any proof must rest mostly on uncertainty.

This life is a serious thing, and at the same time it is not serious at all. Is it possible to know anything for certain? The answer must be for all time "NO." The fixed laws of eternity, as we call them, may be certain; they may not be. The same yesterday, today, and forever, may be; it may not be. Two plus two may be fixed for all time; it may not be. Life is at best a hazy dream of romance. We are worse than fairies and much less stable. We seem to dance on a tight wire of fixed laws of which we do not know if they are fixed. Since we do not know the source of the fixed laws, and can not ever know them, we just guess they are fixed. The force of life plays on us or through us very much as a man plays a fiddle. The hardest thing in life is to find a point from which to start. Given the assumption, the rest follows well

enough. All our errors are due to the wrong assumption to begin with, all reasoning is based on an assumption of some sort. All reasoning is unconsciously based on some sort of a premise, however trivial the subject may be. Once the human mind gets the proper assumption, the rest will follow in co-ordinated relation; that is, all branches of knowledge will be found to dove-tail and fit in with all other branches of knowledge. That will constitute the only proof that is possible to us.

It will be found that, as long as the proper assumption is lacking to commence with, the following deductions do not correspond with the deductions in other subjects. Therefore we can infer that the whole existing accepted conclusions are not correct in the subject that fails to fit in with the others. If it is found that none of the deductions so far deduced correspond with other subjects it can be reasonably certain that no knowledge so far is exact, and all knowledge is still uncertain. That will afford the only way possible to tell, whether what I offer is true or false. In other words, if the known facts in, say, chemistry fail to fit in with the facts cited in the work I offer, then one of them is incorrect. If the facts in, say, botany correspond with the known facts in chemistry and neither correspond with the conclusions which I have cited, then it can be inferred that my work is false. If the accepted conclusions in all three subjects fit in without any contradictions, then all three can be considered as accurate. If there is a lack of general correspondence all around, then it can be reasonably inferred that all three subjects are inexact. However, all of the three subjects could still be partly correct, but still open to doubt.

All things contain some truth, but to be able to tell just what is true and what is false they must correspond in every detail; there is no possible way to tell otherwise. I am sure what I offer does fit in with other facts, but there is plenty of room for me to be mistaken. You can tell by this method, and should it be found that there is a flaw, then what I offer is not any more true than the Bible or any other religion or philosophy of life; it is simply a guess and can be discarded as only containing some truth, the same as the others. It will be of no value as permanent truth and will be only another stumbling block in the way. It is a sad

fact for us that the nearer the guess comes to being true the more dangerous it is, because the closer the guess the more it deceives us and, of course, the more it is capable of misleading. Therefore be very careful to consider this point, as the human race has already suffered too much from sincere, but deceived, prophets or whatever we should call them. There must be some sure road for mankind to follow. If there is not, we are in hopeless confusion for all time. If there is no hope, then we are just lost; we will never advance.

I am not convinced it is hopeless yet, but we certainly have a hard and merciless future ahead. If humanity succeeds in the struggle we will obtain the unobtainable. There is not the slightest doubt that we have an enemy to conquer that is perfect and gives no quarter. When humanity fully realizes the cold bare facts, they will cease to make war on one another and join hands and fight the real foe. I am sure the suggestion here offered is the only way possible to exact knowledge. There can be but one way and it must be supported by a general co-ordinating of evidence all around the circle. One way is all that is necessary and all that is desired. We exist in a sea of unlimited possible courses to follow. But only one of the possible ways is of any value. We are in a sea of infinity that has neither beginning nor end. We have been drifting in this sea for centuries without any guiding finger. Truth must be the guide if there is a guide of any sort. Then, if we can ever determine what truth really is we have a trusty guide. It is impossible for me to see any other plausible way.

We are not any more advanced than people were ten thousand years ago. We are still hopelessly confused, else we could agree and avoid the destruction accompanying a war. This war proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that we are still existing in the same sea of confusion as men did ages ago. With all our modern accomplishments we are still at the mercy of confusion. Our sciences control us, not we them. Unless we find the way to control them they will totally destroy us. If we find the way to control them they will perfect us. We have brought these powerful things into being only to find that they are terrible monsters that consume us without mercy. We face the problem of controlling them or being totally consumed by them. Even now, one

man can almost ruin the world. We are face to face with a condition that can not be exaggerated. How ever flimsy and far-fetched the distinctions in our reasoning may be, we must take note and see what they mean. We have arrived at the place where it will pay us to be terribly exact. Modern machinery has to be made to the thousandth part of an inch. If our philosophy is to control, we must build it up on a plan that is parallel. The human machine is a more delicate instrument than any of these, and the mind is the most delicate instrument in the world. Therefore, if it is to impose its will upon these things, it must be more delicately balanced. The time for superficial thinking is passed. We must take the rattle out of our minds and think very accurately.

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